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SUBJ: W/W LEE M. RAMSEY, US ACFT N2194 IN CUBA

REF: HAVANA 446 AND PREVIOUS

1. USINT LEARNED 18 FEBRUARY THAT CUBANA DE AVIACION REPAIR, TRANSPORTATION AND RESCUE BILL FOR RAMSEY'S AIRCRAFT TOTALED APPROXIMATELY US DOLLARS 14,500. RAMSEY MET WITH CUBANA OFFICIALS 20 FEBRUARY AND THEY MUTALLY AGREED ON LOWER FIGURE OF APPROXIMATEY US DOLLARS 7,100. HOTEL BILL UNCHANGED AT APPROXIMATELY US DOLLARS 3,100. RAMSEY NOW HAS US DOLLARS 1,790 IN SCS TRUST FUNDS AND EXPECTS ANOTHER US DOLLARS 2,000 SOONEST.

2. GOC IS WILLING TO CONSIDER PERMITTING RAMSEY TO LEAVE CUBA WITH HIS AIRCRAFT AND WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT OF HIS DEBT. GOC HAS PROPOSED THAT RAMSEY SIGN A STATEMENT ABSOLVING GOC OF ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR RAMSEY OR AIRCRAFT, WHICH HAS NO INSTRUMENTS, AND A 60 DAY PROMISSORY NOTE FOR THE OUTSTANDING DEBT.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, MINREX HAS REQUESTED THAT USINT ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE RAMSEY'S BONA FIDES AND ABILITY TO PAY DEBTS. IF POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONFIRM FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIS DATA PROVIDED BY RAMSEY ON 21 FEBRUARY:
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-1949 GRADUATE US NAVAL ACADEMY
GRADUATE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY MS. ENG.
1971 NAVY RETIREE 30 YEARS SERVICE, ACHIEVED
RANK OF COMMANDER
1973 GRADUATE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
JURIS DOCTOR, 1974 USC MS EDUCATION
-MEMBER SOUTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION

1 PRESIDENT, SOUTHEASTERN SOLAR SYSTEM, COLOMBIA S.C.
-PRACTICING ATTORNEY.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONFIRM ABOVE AND REQUEST
FAMILY TO PROVIDE CREDIT RATING, BANK BALANCE
AND OTHER APPROPRIATE INFORMATION RE RAMSEY'S
SOLVENCY FOR TRANSMISSION TO USINT. USINT WILL
PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION TO MINREX. POST HAS
MADE CLEAR TO RAMSEY AND GOC THAT IT CAN NEITHER
ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS DEBTS NOR GUARANTEE
THEIR PAYMENT. RAMSEY HAS ALREADY ASSURED CONOFF
AND GOC THAT HE INTENDS TO PAY OUTSTANDING BILLS
ON RETURN TO U.S., ALTHOUGH HE CONSIDERS THEM INFLATED.
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